Self-employment to 10 lakh youth

†1683. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide self-employment to 10 lakh youth of the highly deprived families;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this programme;

(d) by when this programme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) what are the names of the agencies which have been assigned the work relating to this programme and the sources from which funds are likely to be drawn for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) This Ministry has no proposal to provide self-employment to 10 lakh youth of the highly deprived families. However, this Ministry is implementing a self employment programme namely Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) *w.e.f.* 1.4.99 which targets the below poverty line families. The SGSY is a holistic programme of self employment covering all aspects of self employment *viz.* organisation of the rural poor, including rural youth into Self Help Groups, training and capacity building, planning of activity clusters, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing.

(b) to (e) In view of 'a' above, questions do not arise.

Allotment of land to landless families

1684. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless families getting land in the Government programme of allotment of land in different States of the country during the last five years upto 31st October, 2003;

(b) the amount spent by the State Government during this period for rehabilitating these landless families in getting land;

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(c) whether the Central Government have extended an financial help as a support to this rehabilitation programme afforded by the State Government;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL) (a) to (e) Land and its management falls under the exclusive administrative and legislative jurisdiction of the State Governments under Entry No. 18, List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The Union Government plays only an advisory and coordinating role in this field.

This Ministry receives cumulative and not year-wise information about allotment of land. Under ceiling surplus land, upto 31.3.2003 an area of 52.94 lakh acres of land has been distributed to 56.73 lakh rural landless families. 147.47 lakh acres of Government wasteland have been distributed to rural landless families while under Bhoodan land an area of 21.75 lakh acres of land has been distributed to landless rural poor. Under these programmes no financial assistance is provided by this Ministry to the States.

Role of Local bodies in Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission

1685. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eighth Plan outlined an enhanced role for local bodies in the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM);

(b) if so, details of RGNDWM missioned through local bodies for last three years, year-wise, state-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the details of grant received and utilized along with task under taken by RGNDWM on data collection and assessment of water availability, estimation of recharging potential for ground water regimes, designing rain water harvesting structures and enlisting community participation for decentralized water management, for last three years, state-wise, category-wise and year-wise?